

2. Formation of a "Housing Commission." This group, as recommended in the Population and Economic section, could begin immediately to focus attention on housing problems in the planning area -- ranging from the lack of it to the improvement of existing homes. It is recommended that this group be organized under the N.C. Housing Authorities Law, which would give it the authority and organization needed to move as a Housing Authority if it determines that action is required that must be performed by such an official body.
3. Removal of the dilapidated buildings on Main Street and Main Avenue. This would be a step toward community improvement as a whole, and would no doubt lead to many small scale improvements.
4. Provision of additional recreation areas. As noted, some small lots are already owned by the town which could be turned into usable areas with a limited amount of play equipment. These lots are realistic projects for the town, civic organizations, church groups, and so forth.
5. Enactment of a Maiden Zoning Ordinance. This would have an immediate effect on land use in the entire planning area. A suggested ordinance is under study by the Planning Board and should receive the support of the Board of Aldermen when completed.
6. Adoption and implementation of an official Maiden Thoroughfare Plan. Initial study on this should result in a plan which can be formally adopted by the Maiden Board of Aldermen and the North Carolina Highway Commission. (An annual appropriation in the town budget should be established for local implementation of it.)
7. Provision for downtown parking areas. As a follow-up to the removal of dilapidated buildings (item 3), a good portion of the resulting central business district space thus provided should be turned into paved and landscaped parking lots. This should be coordinated with the initiation of a downtown improvement program as recommended in the commercial proposal section of this plan.
8. Local street improvements -- listed under the section on thoroughfare planning. This should include paving, lighting and sidewalks as noted.